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NHSC Hits Quarter-Century Mark

Celebrations and Examinations Ensurue

At age 25, the National Health Service Corps is reflecting on past accomplishments and planning for future challenges.

While not atypical activities for a 25-year-old, the examination is a bit unusual for a Federal program. The Corps is inviting clinicians, students, community representatives, site directors, school representatives and other NHSC constituents to come to Washington this spring and take a good, hard look at the Corps and where it should be headed in the next century. "We need to know what we're doing well, what we're not doing well, and how we can better serve the communities and the clinics," says NHSC's Tira Robinson, coordinator of the 25th Anniversary Initiative.

The main focus of the Anniversary gathering will be to create a "blueprint for the 21st century for the

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NHSC Director Donald L. Weaver (r) greets former congressman Paul Rodgers who drafted the original legislation for the NHSC.

COMMUNITIES In Need



CLINICIANS Who Care

The National Health Service Corps is a program of the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Primary Health Care, which is the focal point for providing primary health care to underserved and vulnerable populations.

Mission Possible: AHECs and the NHSC

When Cheryl Witham Barrain visits a campus, most students want to hear what she has to say. As recruitment and retention director of the Dade County, Fla., AHEC (Area Health Education Center), she comes armed with information about rotations, internships, scholarships and jobs in underserved areas.

And then there are those students who come for the food. Marjorie Gillespie, then a nursing student

at Barry University in southern Florida, was one such student. "I was a few days from graduation, and I didn't know what an AHEC was," she admits, "but I was hungry."

Gillespie's hunger eventually led her to opportunities with the AHEC Program and the NHSC. The national mission of the AHEC Program is "to improve the supply and distribution of health care professionals, with an emphasis on primary care, through community/academic educational partnerships, to increase access to quality care."

It is a mission very similar to that of the NHSC. "AHECs have a close relationship with the NHSC," says Barrain. "Since we both work with health professional shortage areas, we're a natural match."

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Dentist Fills Gap

Before NHSC loan repayer Michael Hyun, DDS, arrived in 1995 at the Family Medical Clinic (FMC), Charlotte County, Va., had one of the lowest dentist-patient ratios in the country: one dentist for a population of 12,000. "The county was at ground zero for tooth decay, gum disease, and oral pathologies," says Hyun, who is known as "Dr. Mike."

Two years later, Dr. Mike says, "In addition to meeting the needs of those below the poverty line, we're helping those who fall through the cracks between Medicaid eligibility and dental insurance accessibility."

The Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) selected the FMC's dental

services program as a 1997 Hero in Health Care. The VHCF promotes and funds initiatives that increase access to primary care for medically underserved Virginians. "In less than two years, the clinic logged more than 3,200 office visits and welcomed more than 65 new patients per month," says Deborah Oswalt, of the VHCF. "Dr. Mike is a real source of pride in his community. I don't know how else to say it: He's a saint."

Dr. Mike is also modest. "So many organizations and individuals have contributed to the success of this dental project, both directly and indirectly," he



Dr. Mike Hyun helps young patients brush up on oral health.

says. "The NHSC is one of them. Clearly, the award does not belong solely to the Family Medical Clinic. It belongs to all those who have contributed to the dental needs of the underserved."

And just what is his award? A plaque. How appropriate. Congratulations, Dr. Mike! ■

NHSC Explains New Tax Rules: Tax Bite Felt by Scholars

Dear Colleague,

If you are an NHSC scholar, you may have already discovered that, effective Dec. 1997, more Federal income taxes are being withheld from your stipend payments.

Prior to Dec. 1997, Federal income tax was withheld from the stipend payment based solely on the amount of your stipend. Starting with the stipend payment made on or about Dec. 1, 1997, Federal income tax was withheld from your monthly stipend based on the entire amount of your scholarship award—i.e., stipend plus tuition and fees plus other reasonable costs (ORCs), as required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

To prepare you for the reduction in your stipend, we sent letters on Aug. 29 and Oct. 15, 1997. While the news was not good, we hope that these letters helped you understand the new IRS requirements.

On Sept. 26, 1997, we also sent letters to the deans, financial aid officers and program directors of your schools advising them of the change and asking them to help you find additional assistance to offset the reduction in your stipend. We hope that they have been able to help.

NHSC is working hard to reverse the IRS's ruling. To alleviate the burden these new requirements place on our scholars, we have taken the following steps:

- Directed letters to the IRS and the Department of the Treasury explaining the rationale for tax exemption of tuition, fees and ORCs.
- Briefed national health professions education associations about the issue.

- Initiated discussions with other Departments, such as Education and Defense, to clarify our situation.
- Drafted legislative proposals for tax exemption that will be submitted through the Department.
- Increased the stipend amount to the maximum allowable by current legislation.

On Oct. 9, 1997, Senator James M. Jeffords of Vt., member of the Senate Finance Committee, introduced bill S.1286, The National Health Service Corps Program Incentive Act. The purpose of this bill is to reverse the IRS position regarding the taxability of NHSC scholarships.

On the House side, Representative Nancy Johnson (Conn.), introduced a similar bill (H.R. 2951) on Nov. 8. This is good news since tax bills must be initiated in the House. While we hope that this bill will get passed during the congressional year, the work to get the legislation enacted has just started.

We have received many questions from a number of constituencies. In response, we have tried to impress upon decision makers the hardship this places on individual scholars in the short term, as well as the adverse impact this will have on our long-term ability to provide communities in need with primary care health professionals.

We hope our efforts will convince the IRS to reconsider its ruling. We all need to work together to make sure that happens.

Sincerely,

Sonia Reig Leon

Director, Division of Scholarships & Loan Repayments

NHSC Length of Service Awards

The NHSC Provider Recognition Program recently completed its third quarter for the NHSC Length of Service Awards. Twenty-eight clinicians, currently in practice in underserved communities, were chosen to receive awards based upon their years of dedicated service to communities in need. Awards are presented for 1, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 20+ years of service beyond the service commitment to the NHSC. Nominations may be submitted throughout the year by clinicians, sites, field offices and others. Contact your NHSC field office for more information.

ONE YEAR AWARDS

Robert W. Beattie, MD, FP	LRP	Hettinger, ND
Shannon Grubb, MD, FP	LRP	Mt. Orab, OH
LCDR Bobby D. Lowery, FNP	FA	Pembroke, NC
Cynthia Popa, DDS	LRP	Peebles, OH
Gary Pearson, MD	LRP	Greenfield, OH

THREE YEAR AWARDS

Gregory P. Caesar, MD	SCH	Alamosa, CO
Paul Junker, DO	LRP	Mt. Orab, OH

Key to Programs

SCH =	NHSC Scholarship
LRP =	NHSC Loan Repayment Program
FA =	Federal Assignee

FIVE YEAR AWARDS

Jeffrey M. Brown, MD	SCH	Denver, CO
J. Blair Chick, MD, FP	SCH	New Richmond, OH
Alison Jones, DDS	SCH	Lancaster, PA
Patricia R. Leigh, NP	LRP	Bridgeton, NJ
Richard Mizer, MD, FP	SCH	New Richmond, OH
Ronald Reynolds, MD	SCH	New Richmond, OH
Rita Rodgers-Stanley, MD	SCH	Kansas City, MO
Roderic E. Tinney, MD	SCH	East Jordan, MI
Steven J. Wisniewski, MD	SCH	East Jordan, MI

TEN YEAR AWARDS

Bernard Richard Abbott, MD	SCH	Baltimore, MD
Lauren I. Fuller, MD, FP	SCH	Minong, WI
James F. Harrison, MD, FP	SCH	Minong, WI
Mark M. Keller, MD	LRP	Miami, FL
David R. King, MD	SCH	Washington, DC
Donald Kosiak, MD	SCH	Wishek, ND
John M. McAdam, MD	SCH	Wishek, ND
Barbara A. Sheets-Olson, MD	SCH	Lisbon, ND
Dennis O. Stuart, MD	SCH	Fairmont, NC
Brian G. Willoughby, MD	SCH	Hettinger, ND

FIFTEEN YEAR AWARDS

Mitchel J. Carey, MD, FP	SCH	East Jordan, MI
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TWENTY YEAR AWARDS

Betsey-Ann Windsor Neason, NP, FNP	FA	Grafton, WV
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Quarter-Century

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Corps," says Robinson. To do so effectively, she says it is vital to get as much participation from *In Touch* readership as possible.

"When the NHSC becomes reauthorized in the year 2000, the program could change dramatically," she says. "Now is the time to direct issues that will affect all aspects of the NHSC."

From April 23 to 25, NHSC constituents will look at current policies and potential changes, answering such questions as:

- Should we allow part-time students and/or part-time clinicians and what are the implications?
- What types of clinicians are most appropriate?
- How should the Corps enhance its support for communities?

The results of these discussions will be reports for NHSC's Federal re-authorization process.

In addition to the Anniversary observances, there are Friday night sessions on the future of the Corps at NHSC's Annual Conferences for scholars, loan repayers and newly practicing clinicians, says Robinson. Working papers are also being developed to explore various facets of the Corps. These will be used to focus discussions during the April conference. NHSC has also planned one of its Annual Conferences in conjunction with the 25th

Invitation

What:

NHSC's 25th Anniversary Policy Conference
"Access in Action: Expanding the Capacity to Care"

When:

April 23-25, 1998

Where:

Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Why:

- Help set NHSC's direction for the 21st century.
- Celebrate the difference that NHSC has made.

For More Information:

Call (800) 646-5317 for reservation information.
Or visit the 25th Anniversary Web site,
at <http://www.clinicians.org/nhsc25.html>

Anniversary Conference.

NHSC constituents are also asked to participate by visiting the poster fair available on the 25th Anniversary Web site and commenting on papers that address key aspects of NHSC. The papers will be available in March 1998. NHSC is asking for comments even from those who cannot attend.

While planning the NHSC's future is an exciting challenge, the weekend will not be without a party. A gala is set for Saturday, April 25. ■

California

Charles R. Drew U. Coll. of Allied Health/PA
Cole, Mark Anthony
Devine, Rony Esteban
Garcia De Alba, Ruben
Johnson, Beatrice Micheline

Loma Linda U. Sch. of Med.
Cortes, Josue H.
Fraser, Kiesha Nikuze

Stanford U. Sch. of Med. PA Prog.
Bailey, Kurth Lyle

U. of CA Davis Med. Ctr. PA Prog.
Roe, Tammy Denise

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Javan, S. Nooshin
Ware, Jeananne Marie

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Wolfe, Cynthia S.

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Erickson, Mary Ann
Joseph, Sonia R.
Neal-Edwards, Tania Christine
Nekomoto, Jeffrey Sadato

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U. of CO Sch. of Nursing
Riesenman, Brenda Sue

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Quinnipiac College
Davis, Linda K. German

Yale U. Sch. of Med.
Days, Alison Langdon
Lee, Melissa Sue

Yale U. Sch. of Nursing/NM
Donelan, Jennifer Brynne
Tang, Audrey Hui-yu

Yale U. Sch. of Nursing/NP
Cumow, Stacey Lynn
Wilson, Katya Maria

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Nova Southeastern U. PA Prog.
Albu, Nikki Ellen
Avner, Belina
Wiggins, Tara Yolanda

U. of FL Coll. of Med.
Dickman, Otto Frederick
Mann, Robyn Cassandra
Raymaker, Brian David

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Gurnick, Jeanmarie

U. of Miami Sch. of Nursing/NP
Ojeda, Maria Mercedes

U. of S. FL Coll. of Nursing
Sawal, Katharine Kingman

Georgia

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Linehan, Barry Edward
Nelson, Lisa Ingrid

Emory U. Woodruff Sch. of Nursing
Moore, Geraldine Laverne
Ridgeway, Elaine Embrack

Congratulations to the new 1997 NHSC Scholars as of October 1, 1997

Wagner, Kristin Anne
Warner, Mamron Hyndman

Emory U. Woodruff Sch. of Nursing
(Midwife)
Bardo, Joan Sarraatt
Deggins, Nicole Marie

GA Southern Coll. Dept. of Nursing/NP
Prog.
Santiago, Theresa Marie

Med. Coll. of GA PA Prog.
Saintfleur, Emmanuel N.

Morehouse Sch. of Med.
Love, Felisha D.
Strickland, Tomekia Lynn
Tolliver, Cheryl Gatewood
Turner, April

Hawaii

U. of HI Sch. of Med.
Ackley, David Thurlow

Illinois

Finch U. of Health Sci. Chicago Med. Sch.
Chibas, Marisel Rosa
McLaughry, Corinne Michele

Loyola U. of Chicago Stritch Sch. of Med.
Bassett, Rachel Marie
Decker, Heather Anne
Friedrich, Michael Ford
Glatz, Richard M.

Midwestern U. Chicago Coll. of Osteo. Med.
Miller, Lara Elizabeth
Weinstein, Susan Deborah

Midwestern U. PA Prog.
Horton, Catherine Alice
Lee, Suk Fong

Northwestern U. Med. Sch.
Donohoe, Christopher
Galloway, Suzanne Marie

Rush U. Med. Sch.
Hart, Dionne

St. Xavier U. Sch. of Nursing/NP
Walker, Justine Antoinette

U. of Chicago Pritzker Sch. of Med.
Jones, Rachel Antonia
McCullough, Deirdre Maureen
Ziouras, Jennifer Ann

U. of IL Coll. of Nursing
Alden, Denise Marie

Indiana

IN U. Sch. of Med.
Allis, Angie Gitangeli
Horstlotte, Daryl Genevieve

IN Wesleyan U./NP
Douglas, Sara Marie

Iowa

U. of IA PA Prog.
Franczyk, Karen Janet

U. of Osteo. Med. and Health Sci.
Aranda, Michael Anthony
McVay, Mark Timothy
Moore, Charlotte Ann
Oman, Michelle Renee

Kansas

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Wichita State U. Coll. of Health
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Frontier Sch. of Midwifery & Family Nursing
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Habibi, Shadman
Macri, Thalia Vasilion
Radin, Tari Guckes
Ray, Brooke Elizabeth
Singleton-Moore, Tanya Yvette

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Woods, Terriawkia Aurelia

U. of Louisville Sch. of Med.
Vasser-Smith, Montubua Frennette

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Maine

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Allard, Susannah Cary
Bigham, Thomas Holland
Irwin, Alan Dale
Kim, Jennifer Gi-in
Roberts, Karen Lynne
Snyder, Tiffany Michelle
Stotler, Christy Joy
Tilley, Anne L.

U. of Southern ME
Bassuk, Anne Maclin
Davies, Tamiko Na

Maryland

Essex Community Coll. PA Prog.
Cummings, Christopher Brian

Johns Hopkins U. Sch. of Med.
Baum, Margaret Elizabeth

U. of MD at Baltimore Sch. of Med.
Davis, Stephanie Lynn
Martin, Felicia Joannette
Smith, Heather Dawn

Massachusetts

Boston Coll. Sch. of Nursing
Letourneau, Aimee Denise

Boston U. Sch. of Med.
Crockett, Karen Elizabeth

Boston U. Sch. of Public Health/NM
Jessiman, Tamara Lynne

Harvard Med. Sch.
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Toomey, Sara Louise

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Brown, Bennie Lee
Patel, Molina Shashikant
Plumer, Heather Marie
Triplett, Sheila Benitia

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Petroff, Christy Ann

U. of MI Sch. of Nursing/NM
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Wylie, Lori Diane

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Palmer, Virginia A.
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Walker, Anthony A.

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Weppner, William Guy

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Bockarie, Sheriff
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Hackney, Tiffany Arlene
Harris, Emily Jessica
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Mulbah, Paul J.

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Johnson, Sarah Catherine

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Lambert, Michelle Marie

U. of WI Med. Sch.
Bleidorn, David Francis
Molaska, Wendy Lynn

Wyoming

U. of WY Sch. of Nursing/NP
Phillips, Janice Marie

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Gillespie's goals were also a natural match for working with the AHEC Program and the NHSC. She said she wouldn't feel comfortable working where people aren't treated if they can't pay. After graduating from Barry University in 1993, Gillespie began pursuing a master of science degree in nursing at Florida International University (FIU) while continuing to work full time.

"It was only through Cheryl that I learned I didn't have to do both. I could quit my job, because I was eligible for NHSC loan repayment," says Gillespie. "AHEC was my savior." The Dade County AHEC is one of 10 throughout the state. Nationwide, 40 states have AHECs.

After graduating from FIU in 1996, Gillespie wanted to work at Coconut Grove Community Health Center (now the Helen D. Bentley Community Health Center), where she had once been a patient.

Unfortunately, the center didn't have any loan repayment slots available at the time. Gillespie's second choice was to work in a rural area similar to her

birthplace, Jamaica. "I wanted to be some place with a few street lights, dirt roads," explains Gillespie who is now a U.S. citizen. "I wanted the kind of place where patients say, 'thank you.'"

While Gillespie's wish to practice in a rural area didn't materialize, she does feel appreciated. Now an NP and an NHSC loan repayer, Gillespie works at the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center in inner-city Miami. The center is the largest community health center in Florida and one of the largest in the nation. Most of her patients are HIV positive.

"I didn't think I would find thankful patients here, where people are sick and dying," she explains. "They don't always say 'thank you' in so many words, but I do feel thanked." She cites examples: "I feel thanked when patients take their medication and return for their next appointment. I have a 65-year old woman who had her first mammogram. I didn't know I would find patients like this in the inner city."

Cheryl Barrain is also pleased. "Marjorie Gillespie is a shining star. She has dedicated herself to caring for the underserved." ■

Do computers cause anxiety for graduate nursing students?

"Yes," says Marjorie Gillespie, NP. "Most of the graduate students I surveyed experienced mild anxiety about using computer technology," says Gillespie, who used this topic for her graduate thesis at Florida International University School of Nursing.

Gillespie experienced anxiety herself, although she acknowledges, "I didn't realize I had a problem." According to her own research, however, Gillespie was probably less anxious than many graduate nursing students. When she needed programs loaded on the computer, Gillespie often turned to her teenage son for help. She explains, "I found that just having a computer at home, even if it is never even turned on, reduces anxiety. And if there's a child at home who uses the computer, anxiety is reduced even more."

Gillespie was selected to present her thesis in poster form for the sixth International Congress on Nursing Informatics in Stockholm, Sweden, held from September 26 to October 1, 1997. When *In Touch* spoke with Gillespie three days before the conference, she confessed, "I'm still working on getting a hard copy of my presentation from the disk. Now, that's real anxiety!" ■

Healthy Cooking from the National Cancer Institute

Healthy eating is good preventive medicine. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) knows this and created short cookbooks boasting low-fat, high-fiber versions of traditional meals from several cultures. They are free and available through the NCI.

For example, in ***Down Home Healthy Cookin'***, NCI focuses on African-American cooking and provides recipes for chicken creole, catfish stew and New Orleans red stew. In ***Celebre la cocina hispana***, or ***Healthy Hispanic Recipes***, the recipes come from all over Latin America, including turkey stew from the Dominican Republic, mango delight from Colombia, and chicken tamales from

Nicaragua. The third recipe book, ***Traditional Foods Can Be Healthy***, is aimed at the Native American population, and discusses how ancestors ate low-fat foods, usually broiling, boiling, baking, smoking or drying their vegetables, meat and fish.

All of the books are written in an easy-to-read format with plenty of illustrations. NCI makes the first 20 items of any order available for free. Each additional item costs \$0.10 for shipping and handling.

To order copies of the cookbooks, or to learn what other educational materials the NCI has available, call NCI's Cancer Information Service at (800) 4-CANCER, or visit their Web site at <http://rex.nci.nih.gov> ■



Models That Work

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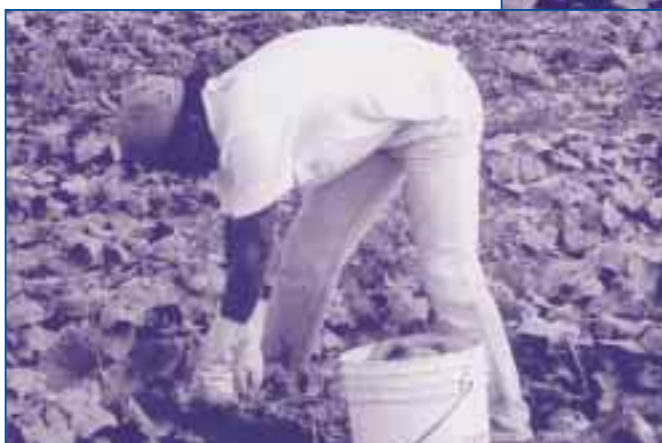
develop new methods of delivering primary health care to underserved and vulnerable populations from coast to coast. Competition winners are required to demonstrate creativity and community-responsiveness, improve health care outcomes for a vulnerable population, and be adaptable to other communities. In the most recent round of voting, five programs, including CHAP, were selected from a field of 279 applicants while 10 other programs were designated as Special Honorees.

After being selected, winners participate in training workshops and provide technical assistance to other interested communities to fulfill BPHC's goal of replicating successful programs in other communities through the transfer of information and ideas. Models That Work lets winners share the secrets of their success with others.

For June Grube Robinson, CHAP Program Director, the Models That Work honor has meant attending conferences nationwide and making

presentations to other communities intent on improving health care access for migrant workers. The road trips have been worthwhile. "Quite a few migrant health centers have adapted the CHAP program for their own needs," she notes.

Other positive results include "watching the migrant women who have worked with CHAP become stronger and more confident as they become trusted and respected members of their community," Robinson says. "People tell them information that they would not



Farmworkers in Michigan bring in the year's harvest. Through the Camp Health Aide Program, these workers have increased access to health care.

reveal to a doctor or a nurse."

For more information on CHAP, call June Grube Robinson at (313) 243-0711.

For more information on Models That Work, call (301) 594-4334 or visit the "programs" section of the BPHC Web site: <http://www.bphc.hrsa.dhhs.gov> ■

Other winners include:

Category: Nurse-Managed Community Health Center

Abbottsford and Schuylkill Falls Community Health Centers, Philadelphia, Pa. This nurse-run entity, which provides primary care to housing development residents, has cut the rate of underweight newborns from 13.6 percent to less than 2 percent. For more information, call Donna Torrisi, MSN, CRNP, at (215) 843-9720.

Category: Integrated Family Health and Social Services

Project Vida, El Paso, Texas. This program registered more than 1,300 families for "one stop shopping" health and social services and a 97 percent rate of on-schedule immunizations for participating infants and children. For more information, call Bill Schlesinger at (915) 533-7057.

Category: Countywide Managed Care for Indigent Residents

Hillsborough County Health Care Plan, Tampa, Fla. This managed care plan for indigent county residents saved \$6 million by diverting 8,000 emergency room visits to primary care providers and reduced hospital admissions by 28 percent and hospital days by 40 percent. For more information, call Toni Beddingfeld at (813) 272-5040 ext. 106.

Category: Peer Outreach and Access for High-Risk Youth

Los Angeles Free Clinic, Hollywood Center, Los Angeles, Calif. Providing primary care to homeless, runaway and high-risk youth, this program boasts a 75 percent rate of return for counseling among youth screened for HIV. For more information, call Julie Jaskol at (213) 653-8622. ■

"Models That Work" Campaign Shares the Wealth of Good Ideas

A Michigan-based community liaison program for U.S. migrant workers improves farmworkers' access to health clinics. This innovative program is one of the most recent award winners of the Bureau of Primary Health Care's (BPHC's) Models That Work campaign.

Winning in the category of Culturally Attuned Community Outreach, the Michigan program resulted in increased use of services, earlier diagnosis and treatment, and greater cost-effectiveness.

Conceived in 1985, the Camp Health Aide Program (CHAP) of the Midwest Migrant Health Information Office, Monroe, Mich., started its program with a needs assessment among migrant farm workers from Texas to the upper Midwest. The analysis showed that migrant workers were either unaware of available health care or unable or unwilling to access it. Following their research, CHAP officials instituted a system used in developing countries, including those



in Latin America, which calls on community members to act as health promoters and liaisons between clinics and potential patients.

Currently, more than 300 Camp Health Aides, who are farmworkers themselves, provide assistance to other migrant farmworkers by improving access to seasonal health care programs that link underserved communities and local providers. Aides also have been advocates for better housing and recreational facilities, and encouraged changes in clinic scheduling practices to better accommodate farmworkers.

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